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Attention: Ms. Carol Hanlon

Attached is a letter for the above stated subject.

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Thank You,

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October 17, 2001

Ms. Carol Hanlon S&ER Product Manager U.S. Department of Energy Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office North Las Vegas, NV 89036-0707

Dear Ms Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy (DOE) recommend to president Bush that the site at Yucca Mountains, Nevada be designated the national repository of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel.

As an employee of a Public Utility Company that burns nuclear fuel at many of our stations, I am aware that the DOE has spent many years trying to determine how best to dispose of high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel. I believe that the Department has identified the best site and disposal facility to handle this waste. Storing the high-level waste at one central location allows for better internal controls than to try to control the storage at more than 70 locations nation-wide.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for a number of years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. The containers have been tested and have outstanding safety and performance records.

I have read the report from the National Academy of Sciences that states that geologic disposal is the only credible scientific and technical solution for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. The evidence produced in their report concluded that the Yucca Mountain site meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of storage facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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